



This poll was conducted for The Washington Post and ABC News by telephone February 13 to 17, 2013 among a random national sample of 1,006 adults, including users of both conventional and cellular phones.

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*= less than 0.5 percent



1. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the Catholic Church? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	Favorable			Unfavorable			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
All:							
2/17/13	62	26	35	28	16	13	10
4/24/05	56	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	8
2/22/04	54	"	"	33	"	"	13
10/13/03	48			44			8
12/15/02	40			52			8
6/17/02	45			47			9
6/9/02	47			45			7
3/28/02	55			34			11
2/20/02	63			27			11
8/30/99*	68			19			13

*Wash Post/Kaiser/Harvard, asked "very/somewhat" follow

Catholics:

	Favorable			Unfavorable			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
All:							
2/17/13	86	56	30	11	7	3	3
4/24/05	81	NA	NA	17	NA	NA	1
2/22/04	87	"	"	10	"	"	3
10/13/03	80			17			3
12/15/02	69			30			2
6/17/02	69			28			3
6/9/02	70			28			2
3/28/02	73			24			3
2/20/02	88			9			4

2. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Pope Benedict the Sixteenth? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	Favorable			Unfavorable			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
All:							
2/17/13	54	22	32	27	17	10	19
4/13/08	48	NA	NA	24	NA	NA	28

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Catholics:

2/17/13	76	43	33	14	8	6	9
4/13/08	74	NA	NA	13	NA	NA	14

Compare to Pope John Paul the Second:

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
All:			
3/13/05	67	16	17
10/13/03	65	24	11
1/13/98	71	10	19
10/1/95	64	20	16
8/8/93	68	12	20
8/23/87	51	8	41

Catholic:

3/13/05	87	8	5
10/13/03	84	11	5
10/1/95	83	10	7
8/23/87	76	4	20

3. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Pope Benedict's decision to step down as the head of the Catholic Church? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	Favorable			Unfavorable			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
All:							
2/17/13	64	33	31	23	13	10	13
Catholics:							
2/17/13	69	43	26	22	14	8	9

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